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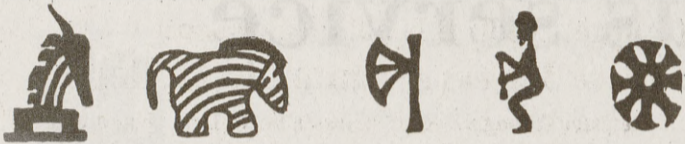
December 2nd, 9:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.
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Brother Cane stops at Dixie Theatre

By Amy Collier
THE BATTALION

Damon Johnson, lead vocalist and guitarist of Brother Cane, says that before he joined the band, the prospect of being the lead singer of a band had never crossed his mind.

"It was never a goal for me to be the guy up front," he said. "It was sort of a last-ditch effort. Once I started doing it, we started developing a sound, so I'm one for one as a singer."

Brother Cane is bringing its unbeaten sound to the Dixie Theatre Sunday night. The sound Johnson helped Brother Cane develop has helped the rock band establish a name for itself in the music industry.

The band made its TV debut in August on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*.

"That was really cool," Johnson said. "I wasn't near as nervous as I would have been a couple of years ago. It made us look good."

After releasing its self-titled debut album that sold 250,000

copies, the band released *Seeds* in July. The first single released from the album, "And Fools Shine On," was No. 1 at Rock Radio for six weeks.

"It gives us reinforcement that we're making some strides and people are noticing us," he said. "We're very proud."

Johnson said the band has learned to pay special attention to its position on the radio charts.

"I used to kind of blow those charts off," Johnson said. "It will never affect our songwriting. But those charts are now important to us because the radio charts are all we have. We're not on MTV, so the only way people know us is through the radio."

Johnson said the band's goal was to make a more mature album with *Seeds*.

"It was a big growth record for us," Johnson said. "We just felt like this was a chance for us to show more colors that we're capable of painting."

The lyrics on the album are about people and things that are closer to Johnson, and he said he wants them to offer hope to listeners.

"I was a little more confident to write about things that were closer to me," Johnson said. "I'm getting better at looking inside myself and expressing things."

The band is also establishing a following for itself through live performances. It just finished a European tour and is starting off a United States club tour.

Johnson said fans in Europe are different than American concert-goers.

"The fans there are like super-sensitive listeners," he said. "They stand, and they watch everything. They're so hungry for live music."

Traveling across the world and rarely getting to go home can be tiresome, but Johnson said he does not mind it.

He said that when he is on the road, he gets to read and listen to music more than when he is home.

"There are so many aspects about being on the road that I do enjoy," Johnson said. "I really enjoy traveling. It's always been in my blood."

Spending time with his fellow

band members is something else Johnson said he enjoys.

"I'm really lucky to play in a good band," he said. "The members are all great guys."

"There's no way that we could tour and not kill each other if we didn't have a great relationship. It's a really great thing that we have in Brother Cane. All of the camaraderie is great."

The camaraderie the band members have is something Johnson said he wants his audiences to see.

He said he wants people to know what Brother Cane is about when they leave the band's concerts.

"If they just stand up close and in front of my guitar amp, they'll get a lot of volume," he said. "We want people's ears to be ringing hours after our concerts."

Johnson said people who like Brother Cane's music but have never seen the band live need to branch out and go to the concert.

"I think it's really important that they come live to get the whole picture," he said. "We like to think that we're a good live band."

Organizations bring comedian Joe Torry to campus

By Libe Goad
THE BATTALION

This year, some students may try something different after the big game. Instead of following the herd to Northgate to celebrate a certain Aggie victory, they will head to Rudder Auditorium for a post-game celebration.

Alpha Phi Alpha and MSC Town Hall have teamed up to host the annual Def Lip Sync Jam with guest comedian Joe Torry.

His name may sound unfamiliar, but his face may be more easily recognized. He has appeared in the television shows *Roc* and *Amen*, and in Michael Jackson's "Remember the Time" video. Recently, he starred in Spike Lee's *Tales from the Hood*.

He also starred in John Singleton's *Poetic Justice*, *Strictly Business* with Halle Berry and is the host of *Def Comedy Jam* on HBO.

"It will be the icing on a cake after the game," Steven Traylor, Alpha Phi Alpha president and a senior finance major, said.

Traylor said they wanted the event to fall on the day of the biggest Aggie football event

of the season.

However, the fraternity faced opposition against the lip sync event because of the timing and had to convince others that people would come.

"After we beat t.u., people will be in a good mood and want to keep laughing," Traylor said. "What better way to do that than with a professional comedian?"

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The night will be kicked off by the Def Lip Sync Jam, a lip sync contest open to students and the surrounding community. The audience can watch their peers lip sync to popular music for cash prizes.

A group named These Boys are Men won the \$400 first-place prize last year, lip syncing to Boyz II Men. Other competitors performed

skits from TV sitcoms like *The Brady Bunch*. Traylor said the show offers a different variety of talent than other musical shows.

"Lip sync gives a little different twist," Traylor said, "and Joe Torry is an added feature to give people more incentive to come."

This marks the third year MSC Town Hall and Alpha Phi Alpha have paired to bring a comedian like Torry to campus. The past two years, the organizations brought Chris Rock and Bill Bellamy.

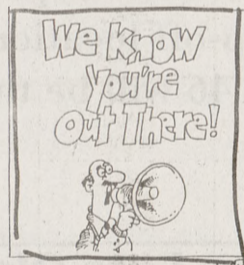
Last year, Bellamy hung out with several students. He went to the after-show party, dinner and played basketball with Traylor and a few of his fraternity brothers.

The professional comedian proved to be a regular guy with a down-to-earth attitude. "He was real cool," Traylor said. "When we were giggling and laughing, he was right there giggling and laughing with us."

Alpha Phi Alpha is waiting to see how well the show can play with the most-anticipated Aggie event of the year.

"This is not something the campus can get every day," Traylor said. "We encourage everyone to come."

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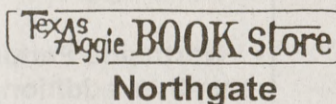
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The Student Government Association would like to wish everyone luck on their finals. Have a safe and jolly holiday season!!!